MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have already issued instructions to give due representation to members of communities who are backward in education, consistent with qualification, efficiency, etc. It is not feasible to issue orders on the lines indicated by the member.

Opening of Zoology Branch in the Science College.

104. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Principal of the Science College has submitted a scheme for opening the Zoology course in that College, and, if so, the nature of the action they have taken on it ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that the Principal of the College of Science submitted to the Director of Public Instruction proposals for opening the Zoology course. They were referred back to the Principal by the Director for further consideration; but no recommendation has since been received.

MR. MURUVELIL PATCHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളിന്റെ റക്കമന്റേഷൻ തിരിച്ചയച്ചിട്ട് എത്രനാളായി?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was referred back in March 1926.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): അതിൽപിന്നീട് അതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ച വല്ല റിമയിൻഡറും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information about it. That is a matter to be attended to in the Director's Office.

The Shertallai-Alleppey Road.

105. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Shertallai-Alleppey road within the limits of the Alleppey P. W. D. Sub-Division; and

(*b*) the amount sanctioned by the Government during the current year (1103) for increasing the width of this road and the amount expended out of the same ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 19 miles.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 47,160 for re-coating the road with 3 inches of gravel, and not for increasing the width. The amount spent up to the end of Edavam 1103 is Rs. 27,733 and the amount likely to be spent during the year is Rs. 37,500.

The Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

106. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the firms or individuals that submitted tenders for the supply of machinery and generating plant for the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme;

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[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

(*b*) the respective amounts of these tenders; and

(*c*) the tender that was accepted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*c*) The tender of Messrs. Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd. Bombay, was accepted.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd., Bombay is a European Firm or an Indian Firm?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Does the member want to know whether it is an English Firm?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is an English Firm.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What Firm do Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield represent? Is it also an English Firm?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is also an English Firm.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why the lowest tender was not accepted in this case?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Mirrlees's Diesel engines have been found to be the most popular engines employed in modern Power Stations. This engine is used in not less than 80 power stations. The reason why the lowest tender was not accepted in this case is that this engine shows a saving of oil in full load of about 15% and in three-quarters load of about 18 per cent. The saving works out in the first case to 1,600 Rupees and in the second case to Rs. 1,920. In the course of a few years this machine will more than pay the difference in the tenders between this and that of the lowest tender on account of the saving. Moreover, this machine has been tried and found to be most useful. Hence this was chosen and the tender of Messrs. Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Ltd. accepted.

Appointments in the Registration Department.

107. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acting clerks, working in the Registration Department, who have passed the English or the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination, in addition to the Registration Test;

(*b*) the number of acting clerks, working in the Registration Department, who have not passed the Registration Test;

(*c*) whether candidates who have not passed the Registration Test have been appointed to clerical posts permanently or temporarily at the time when new Sub-Registry Offices were established in 1103;

* *Vide* Appendix III—pages 647-648.

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Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 106.**

List of tenders for the supply of materials for the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

	Name of the firm that submitted tenders for the supply of machinery and generating plant.	Amount of the tenders.	Rs. as. p.
1.	Messrs. Mirrlees Bickerton and Day, Limited, Bombay ...		91,801-0-0
2.	The General Electric Co., (India), Ltd., Madras ...		91,817-0-0
3.	Messrs. Crossley Bros., Madras ...	With 1 bearing machine.	96,937-0-0
		With 2 do. do.	1,00,262-0-0
		With 2 do. do.	1,04,443-0-0
		With 2 do. do.	98,646-0-0
		With 1 do. do.	95,859-0-0
4.	Messrs. Jessop and Co., Ltd., Calcutta ...		76,198-0-0
5.	Messrs. Worthington Simpson and Co., Calcutta ...		93,254-0-0
6.	Messrs. Crompton Engineering Co., (India), Ltd., Madras ...		79,818-0-0
7.	Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon ...		75,740-0-0
8.	Messrs. Callenders Cable and Construction Co., Ltd., Bombay ...		98,007-0-0
9.	Messrs. Bird and Co., Calcutta ...		89,283-0-0
10.	The Swiss Locomotive and Machine Works, Bombay ...		79,485-4-0

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Name of the firm that submitted tenders for the supply of machinery and generating plant.	Amount of the tenders.	
	Rigid coupling. Rs. as.p.	Flexible coupling Rs. as.p.
11. Messrs. Volkart Bros., Bombay ...	81,374-0-0	83,854-0-0
	94,315-0-0	97,215-0-0
	1,06,833-0-0	1,09,893-0-0
	96,876-0-0	99,186-0-0
	1,05,938-0-0	1,09,328-0-0
12. Messrs. A. E. G. (India) Electric Co., Ltd., Madras ...		76,080-0-0
13. Messrs. Siemens (India) Ltd., Calcutta ...		79,025-0-0
14. Messrs. J. V. Levi and Co., Bombay ...		1,00,303-0-0
15. Messrs. Giacomo Jucker, Bombay ...		76,862-0-0
16. Messrs. Sulzer Bros., Calcutta ...	Sulzer ...	89,140-0-0
	B. T. H. ...	96,089-0-0
	Sulzer Metropolitian vickers	89,636-0-0

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